

AN ANGRY MOB

Colored Assailant.

HE ATTEMPTED TO OUTRAGE THE CHILD
IN A COAL SHED.

He Was Given Food by Gertie's Aunt
and Was Helping the Girl Get Coal
When He Threw Her Down—Struck
Him With a Stick—The Chase and
Capture

Frank Brown, a negro 55 years old, who was accused of attempting to criminally assault Gertie Dendinger, a 14-year-old miss, narrowly escaped a lynching this morning about 10 o'clock at Eighteenth and Lucas place, where he was captured by a crowd of pursuers while trying to make his escape.

ASKED FOR FOOD.
The attempted assault was committed in a coal shed in the rear of 1803 Olive street. Gertie Dendinger's aunt, Mrs. Mary Rodgers, conducts a boarding-house. The

morning about 9 o'clock Brown, a heretofore rather respectable and intelligent-looking negro, called at the Rodger house. Gerlie Dendinger was scrubbing the front steps, and approaching her.

asked her for something to eat, stating he was starving to death and had not had anything for two days. Gertie ran to the store with him for a while, trying to induce him to go away, but he begged pitifully that she and her cousin, Walter, finally took him into the house to eat a meal. While the meal was being prepared, Brown insisted on doing some work in the yard, and was told he could do that later. Gertie got up some coal, whereas Brown went into the yard and Gertie

accompanied him. He was in the coal shed filling the scuttles, when Gertie reached through the door to get a stick of wood, with which to prop the door and keep it open. As she did so, she claims that Brown seized her by the throat and threw her down. She screamed, and struck him with the stick and he then released her. Her screams attracted her cousin May to the scene, and Brown then vaulted the high

Gertie Dendenger pursued, calling for police. Brown ran through alleys and streets, followed by a crowd, which in-

death at West 12th place. Brown fell flat on the asphalt street, and the driver of the passenger car who was in the procession pounded upon his horn. In a moment several men grabbed him by the throat and several more were clucking at him. While the enraged captors were demanding that he get out with Brown, Officer Dennis Ryan of the Central District came hastily upon the scene and rescued the Negro. Brown was taken to the Four Courts and a warrant for arrest was attempted against him, but he soon turned out.

Gentle Dendinger is a rather smart young

lady. Her parents reside at Evansville, Ind., but for four years past she has been living with her aunt at the Olive street house.

TO KILL PARKHURST.

A Letter to Mayor Gilroy Threatening the Life of the Reformer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Mayor Gilroy to-day received the following letter, type-written.

MR. MAYOR—Do not let any one go into a church or court where Dr. Parkhurst sits himself. You are making a great mistake because there are those who wish to make him jump the axis. They condemn relieving the town of this monster, who does harm to the unfortunate women. Do not attempt to discover me. I depart.

The letter was evidently written by a woman. It was mailed from a station situated in the heart of the "tenderloin" district, where so many unfortunate women were thrown upon the streets by the closing of their houses. The police are endeavoring

HIS EMPLOYER'S MONEY.

Why William T. Harris Told a "Fake" Story to the Police.

This morning George A. Klein, a druggist at Ethelton, Ill., called at the Four Courts and asked for information concerning a clerk of his

named William T. Harris, who came to this city with \$102 to pay some bills. The police made an investigation and ascertained that yesterday morning Harris reported at the Four Courts that he had been robbed by two men on Twenty-second and Olive streets. When closely questioned he finally admitted that he met a woman at the Winter Garden while doing the town, and when he got back to his room at the Mason hotel, his money and jewelry were gone. The

to which his employer requested him to say are, it is said, still unpaid. It is not known what course Klein will pursue in regard to the matter.

WILL DOWNGRADE THE CITY.

Admiral Da Gama Sends Formal Notice to Buenos Aires, the Dictator at Rio.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 30.—Admiral Da Gama, commander of the insurgent naval force at Rio de Janeiro, has notified the members of

The diplomatic corps that he will bombard the city if the loyal forts fire upon his ships. The representatives of the foreign powers are sent a reply to the insurgent admiral saying that he must give at least forty-eight hours' notice before he commences to shell the city. It is said that the rebel admiral will give the notice, referred to if another shot is fired from the new forts upon his vessels.

Held for Murder.

DOWMAN, Tex., Dec. 30.—This morning the examining trial of Tom and Ben Williams and an Roper, charged with the murder and attempted robbery of J. A. Childs last October and Dave McWilliams and Mark Williams, charged with being accessories, concluded. Tom and Ben Williams were sent to jail without bail and McWilliams and Mark Williams placed under a \$5,000 bond to await the action of the grand jury.

MAY PROVE FATAL.

Charles Turner Held to Await the Result of William Wagner's Injuries.

WAGNER'S CASE TAKES A SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED TURN FOR THE WORSE.

A Christmas Day Fight Which May Prove to Be Man-slaughter—Arrested While Wearing an Overcoat That a Bank Clerk Identified as Having Been Stolen From Him—Police News.

A fight which occurred on Christmas Day and which grew out of a trifling matter is likely to result in the death of William Wagner, a laborer, 39 years old, who now lies unconscious at his home, 640 Swan avenue. He and Charles Turner of 434 Swan avenue, were drinking together in the saloon of Shramm & Debrtow on Tower Grove avenue, when a dispute arose. Hot words were exchanged, and Wagner whipped out his knife. Turner seized a beer glass, and before Wagner could get close to him, struck him on the head with the missile, ending the fight. Turner fled, but Wagner was taken to the office of Dr. Coleman, near by, where his wound was dressed. He then went to his home and gradually his condition grew worse, until yesterday morning he became delirious. Dr. Mayfield of Taylor and Bell avenues was then called in and after examining the wound found that Wagner's skull was fractured. Besides the fractured skull, he extracted several particles of glass from the wound. Dr. Mayfield said Wagner's condition was dangerous and the police were notified at once. This morning Turner was arrested by Officer Long of the Fifth District and held to await the result of Wagner's injury.

Wearing a Stolen Overcoat.
Robert Hunnewell was arrested at Eighth and Pine streets this morning by Detectives Ziegler and Hambrick on suspicion of stealing an overcoat which he had on. The coat is valued at \$50 and was identified by Franklin Lavett, a clerk at the State Bank, at Fourth and Locust streets, as his property. It was stolen from the restaurant of the Hotel Hotel, on Pine, near Ninth street, on Dec. 27. Hunnewell swore out a warrant against Hunnewell, charging him with the larceny of the coat.

A BROKEN RAIL
The Cause of a Railway Accident in Wisconsin.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Dec. 30.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Omaha vestibule limited, passing here at 11 p. m., dashed through the small town of Fairchild and struck a broken rail on a curve at that place. The engine and two coaches left the track and smashed into a lime-house and broke off two telegraph poles, but no person was seriously injured. Traffic was delayed ten hours.

COUGHLIN'S TRIAL.
No Startling Testimony Brought Out in the Hearing To-Day.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—In the Coughlin trial to-day Henry R. Tolman, the microscopical expert, took the stand. Judge Wing conducted the cross-examination. Nothing in addition to the testimony he gave in the former trial was developed.

Donald Mackinnon of Winnipeg called to testify regarding Martin Burke's arrest in Canada. His testimony was substantially the same as that given on the former trial. Gustav Klabre, a tinner, testified to having sold a tin box for Burke on May 4, 1892. His testimony, too, was the same as given at the former trial.

STUCK IN THE SNOW.
The Last Stage in Wyoming Heard From—Passengers Saved.

LANDER, Wyo., Dec. 30.—The stage coach running between Lander and Rawlins and this city which was thought to have been lost in the snow has been heard from. The passengers last night reached a ranch near Lost Soldier, having ridden out on the stage horses, leaving the coach stuck fast in five feet of snow.

Stole \$500.
LONDON, Dec. 30.—Chas. Watkins, for nearly forty years a clerk in the Bank of England, has been arrested for stealing \$500 from the bank.

Song.
The flowers are dead, the trees are bare,
The frost is still at home,
No frosty dew the winter air,
He does not mind the cold,
But though the time is cold, my love,
My heart is warm for thee,
What sorrow can I feel, my love,
If thou art true to me,
If thou art true to me?

The dead are frozen in the mold,
The time is still at home,
And how it is not cold or cold,
They'll have the day of doom,
But though the frost is low, my love,
My heart is warm for thee,
What sorrow can I feel, my love,
If thou art true to me,
If thou art true to me?

Rural Justice.
From Judge.
A city swell was arrested by a country constable for getting over lively and disturbing the peace of the village. An empty whisky flask and a lady's foot hair-pin were found on his person. The Justice of the Peace was disposed to pardon the empty whisky flask, but when the hair-pin was produced he said sternly:
"I shall have to commit you for carrying concealed weapons."

In the Curio Hall.
From Puck.
Samuel: "The face of that Circassian man looks strangely familiar. Haven't I seen him before?"
Comely: "Why certainly! Didn't you know that Charlie Hardface, who played on the Yale foot ball team last season? His father had the thought of having to work for a living turned Charlie's hair white. He's had this Circassian job ever since."

Nothing New.
From Truth.
Miss Gotham: "Have you been through the museum of Art?"
Miss Fandangle: "Oh, yes."
Miss Gotham: "What did you think of it?"
Miss Fandangle (from Gotham): "Pretty good. Why they're not the same things there they had last year."

And They Keep Young Men From Playing Poker.
From the Atlantic Globe.
We have noticed that girls of 18 are not permitted to spend an evening playing whist.

Measure for Measure.
From the Philadelphia Record.
Eight quarts make a peck, but it doesn't take that many quarts of whiskey to make a peck of trouble.

DR. MEYER'S TRIAL.



Sketches made in court for the Post-Dispatch during the famous trial in New York of Dr. Meyer for poisoning.

MADE A REDUCTION.

The Missouri Electric Light & Power Co. Concession to Subscribers.

The Missouri Electric Light and Power Co. are making some concessions in the matter of prices though as yet the reductions are very small and of minor importance. The company has issued a circular in which they state that on and after Jan. 1, the price of standard sixteen-candle power incandescent lamps will be reduced to their consumers from 6 1/2 cents to 5 cents each net.

On all bills for light furnished to private residences, it is announced the company will, after Jan. 1, allow a discount of 5 per cent for settlement of account before the 10th of the month following the service.

THE TARIFF BILL.

Hearings Will Be Granted by the Senate Finance Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Senator Allison, in a brief conversation to-day, said there was little or no doubt that the Senate Committee on Finance, of which the Senator is a prominent member, would grant hearings to interests affected by the tariff bill when that measure reaches the Senate, where demands come from sufficiently important interests to consistently demand the attention of the committee. He said also that the committee was very hopeful of securing many replies to the circular letters of inquiry which were being sent broadcast over the land and he thinks these replies will furnish many valuable suggestions to the members of the committee.

The opinion is gaining ground steadily that the Senate will be deliberate in its treatment of the bill. It was at first said that the Republican Senators would not attempt to delay passage, but that after expressing their disapproval in brief debate would permit it to go to a vote. It does not appear as yet that there will be any organized opposition for the purpose of delay merely, but that there be such organization, is becoming evident if it should become possible that by it the defeat of the bill could be accomplished.

There are increasing indications that the passage of the bill in the Senate may not be obtained, as was supposed before it was put into shape, and there are Senators who are openly that if the bill should pass the House unchanged and be reported from the Senate Finance Committee in the same condition it could not pass the Senate in that shape in any event. There are many items upon which the Democrats could not muster a majority, and which would probably be defeated by a combination with the Republicans, if they cannot be changed in committee.

He Never Came Back.
From the Harlem Life.
Elsie: "Yesterday morning I gave a poor tramp those nice biscuits I made for breakfast, and told him if he came back in the evening I would give him some dinner."
Jack: "What did you give him for dinner?"
Elsie: "He did not return."

Why Didn't He Buy Opera Lengths?
From the Indianapolis Journal.
Hungry Higgins: "Wot's dis? You been buyin' socks?"
Weary Watkins: "Oh, dat's all right. I ain't goin' to wear 'em, 'jst bought 'em to hang up for Christmas."

But They Suffer Man's Meanness.
From the Ashland Globe.
The unhappy women are not all married to mean men. Most of them are not married at all.

KILLED IN HIS YARD.

Assassination of a Prominent Farmer in Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 30.—At midnight last night J. J. Derr, a prominent farmer, living twenty miles west of here, was assassinated in his yard. S. H. Ross, a well-known cattleman, who was a year ago nearly killed by a son of Derr because of an insult offered his sister, is suspected of the murder and has been arrested at Kingfisher.

In Bond of \$10,000.

PADUCAH, Ky., Dec. 30.—Abe Livingston, who shot and killed Mr. E. H. Elliott, a St. Louis drummer, in the Palmer House here Saturday night, was admitted to bail in the sum of \$10,000 here to-day.

Autumnal Dreams.

When the maple turns to crimson
And the saffron to gold;
When the gentian's in the meadow
And the aster's on the world;
When the moon is lapped in vapor
And the night is frosty cold,
When the chestnut burrs are opened
And the acorn dews like hail,
And the downy air is starry
With the drumming of the partridge
And the whistle of the quail,
Through the rustling woods I wander,
Through the jewels of the year,
From the yellow uplands sailing,
Seeking her that still is near:
She is near me in the autumn,
She, the beautiful, is here.

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Fresh from the mill,
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TAMPERED WITH.

The Indictments in the Bank Case at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30.—A sensation was caused this afternoon by the discovery that two of the indictments in the Indianapolis National Bank case have either been tampered with, or were falsely drawn. There were six counts in the indictment against Edwin R. Rexford, cashier. Two if not all of them will be quashed by reason of the discovery that Rexford's name has been scratched out and Theodore P. Haughey's, President of the bank, substituted.

There are ten counts in the indictment against R. B. F. Pierce, director. It is discovered that three of these, including the gravest offenses charged against Pierce, namely signing false reports as director and representing that he was not a guarantor when he was, are null and void because other names have been substituted.

In two instances Frank A. Coffin is charged with the offense of inducing witnesses against McKane, and two each against the others. McKane was released on a bail bond of \$50,000.

What She Thought.

From the Atlanta Journal.
The poet reclined in the dentist's chair,
Her hands they were white and her face was fair,
And a sunbeam toyed with her nut-brown hair.

But there was a far-away look in her eyes,
It took little effort of genius to guess
To guess at the cause, by the words she said.

She counted a thousand forward and back,
Repeated the Lord's Prayer, then took a look
On tables and weights—oh, that horrible rack!

The dentist he gazed and hampered and bored,
Each thrust was as sharp as a double-edged sword,
And all of her sighs were unheeded.

Our sympathies glow for the tender sex,
In such a position as that, and such a place,
We never can help it to save our necks!

I watched that woman and dropped a tear,
And granted as loudly I feared she'd hear,
And finally guessed what her sentiment was!

She thought, and I knew it, receding there,
With the countess beam on her radiant hair,
"Oh! Lord, if a woman could only swear!"

MONTGOMERY A. FOLKLOM.

THE RIVERS.

St. Louis, Dec. 30, 1893.

The river at St. Louis will remain nearly stationary for the next two days.

Late Telegraph Markets.

OHIO, Nov. 30, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,100; sales, 1,100. High, \$12.00; low, \$10.00. Hogs—Receipts, 2,750; sales, 2,750. High, \$12.00; low, \$10.00. Sheep—Receipts, 1,100; sales, 1,100. High, \$12.00; low, \$10.00.

On the Curb.
Wheat—May, 65 1/2; June, 65 1/2; July, 65 1/2; August, 65 1/2; September, 65 1/2; October, 65 1/2; November, 65 1/2; December, 65 1/2.

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"On the Yacht Namouris"—painting, "Going to the Procession"—painting, "Cows and Sheep"—painting, "The Cossack's Answer"—painting, "Cupid and Psyche"—painting, Doorway of Bordeaux Cathedral.

Where to Get Them.

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2818 North Broadway—C. Braches,
1405 South Broadway—F. Steinberg & Sons,
2250 South Broadway—J. H. Brodack,
3129 South Broadway—Oscar Marks,
3944 South Broadway—P. J. Wardman,
7029 South Broadway—E. R. Elliot,
7681 South Broadway—L. R. Waller,
Carr street and Jefferson avenue—Charles Chambers,
1748 Chestnut avenue—A. Kahn & Co.,
2750 Chestnut avenue—W. S. Graham,
3108 Chestnut avenue—W. Smith,
4121 Easton avenue—A. & W. Kline,
2046 Market street—L. C. Robbins,
Fifteenth and St. Louis avenue—H. Schultz,
1618 North Grand avenue—C. H. Stearns,
3239 Olive street—D. Ofner,
1911 Park avenue—V. A. Reis,
1112 Salisbury street—Mrs. Mary A. Deal,
1004 South Seventh street—J. Mueller,
4512 North Twentieth street—J. Weber,
21 East Main street, Belleville, Ill.—George Seiberg,
351 Missouri avenue, East St. Louis, Ill.—O. F. Evans,
1802 North Grand avenue—West End News Co.,
2723 Gravois avenue—John Senderman,
Corner Jefferson and Olive—J. W. Carroll,
1303 South Jefferson avenue—J. Kahlbaum,
2612 Locust avenue—Mrs. A. Forina,
2646 Market street—A. H. Fowler,
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Corner Nineteenth and Franklin avenue—H. F. Brey.

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"JIM" BUTLER'S BACKERS

Major Walbridge and the "reform" Council think it proper for a City Attorney to grossly abuse the power to "hobble" for the benefit of friendly lawbreakers. They think it proper for the City Attorney's office to be used for political purposes. They think it proper for the City Attorney to carry a revolver and to use it when he sees fit. They think it proper for a city attorney to visit a bawdy house at 4 o'clock in the morning and shoot a man there in a dispute over a game of cards.

These officials regard association with gamblers, blacklegs and harlots as proofs of fitness for office. They look upon the defense of a gang of law-breaking gamblers from arrest by the police as wholly consistent with the dignity and duty of a city attorney. The chief qualification for the office of city attorney in their opinion is the possession of a political "pull" and the ability to utilize vicious influences in politics.

This is a fair conclusion from the fact that not a single move has been made to oust "Jim" Butler from the office of City Attorney. His qualifications and conduct are accurately outlined in the preceding statement. Although now under bonds for shooting a man in a most disgraceful quarrel, he continues to exercise the functions of City Attorney. As long as he does this it must be presumed that Mayor Walbridge and his responsible associates endorse and admire "Jim" Butler and Butlerism.

No hypocritical evasion of the responsibility for the shameful humiliation of the people of St. Louis in connection with their City Attorneyship can be permitted. Mayor Walbridge and the Council are accountable for it.

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THE PRENDERGAST VERDICT

The verdict of guilty in the Prendergast case will give general satisfaction. While opinions may differ as to the assassin's sanity there is a widespread conviction that "crankery" is getting too many privileges.

The most conspicuous feature in all these cases, from Guiteau to Prendergast, is an intense, morbid self-consciousness which feeds upon publicity. Nothing is so gratifying to the average "crank" as a newspaper notice, and to figure in a great trial is unequalled bliss. This is not insanity, for many men whose minds are otherwise well ordered display boundless egotism, which often takes ridiculous forms. But it may become a controlling motive in the conduct of one of naturally weak mind. To be talked about is the chief aim of life in men who fall victims to this species of self-love and it is at least one, perhaps the principal, origin of the murderous impulse.

One or two wholesome hangings will have a very beneficial effect upon the tribe of cranks who are the most attentive students of trials like that of Prendergast. While they like to be public characters, they draw the line at the gallows. They have nothing heroic in their composition. They are not so devoted to their "idea" or their "cause" that they will willingly face death for it. On the contrary, they are, almost without exception, unmitigated cowards with a craven fear of punishment.

Prendergast's conviction will probably make them pause in their plotting and think twice before they carry their fool purposes into execution. It will have a good effect upon the crank world and it followed by a speedy sentence and execution will act as an effective preventive of similar crimes for some time at least.

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PANIC RESPONSIBILITY

An Illinois Democrat asks the Post-Dispatch to give a history of panics and its opinion as to the causes of the recent panic, with a view of obtaining material to debate the question. "Resolved, that the Democratic party is responsible for the depression of business."

No Democrat should shrink from entering into a joint debate with a Republican on this question. He should welcome it. He needs no history of panics to absolve the Democratic party from all responsibility for the panic from the effects of which the country is now suffering. A history of panics would merely disclose that the Democratic party has had no share in causing any panic which has occurred since the Republican party came into existence. Every panic since the war—and there have been several of the utmost severity—has taken place under Republican legislation and conditions established by Republican rule.

The question of Democratic responsibility for the late panic is settled by the statement that its causes had accomplished their work, and their full effect was felt before the Democratic Administration had begun to exercise power. It had not had time of opportunity to assume responsibility. Its first act was the repeal of the Republican law regarded as the principal

cause of the country's distress, in response to popular demand for relief. That is now the only Democratic act on the statute books.

On the other hand Republican responsibility is fixed by an overwhelming array of facts. The Sherman silver purchase act was the result of a plutocratic bargain of Republicans. It was opposed by every Democrat in Congress. A Republican administration depleted the gold reserve to the danger point. Republican extravagance wasted a magnificent surplus accumulated by Democratic economy and substituted therefor a heavy deficiency. Reckless Republican legislation laid such great burdens upon the Government that the raising of sufficient revenue for the first time in many years, Republican protection robbed and impoverished the people to enrich a favored few. Under a Republican tariff law conditions so artificial and wrongful have been created that the proposal to do an act of common justice and wisdom threatens widespread disturbance.

The fact is that the question of responsibility for the recent panic is not debatable. It merely gives occasion for a scathing arraignment of Republican misrule.

ANOTHER NAVAL OBJECT-LESSON

If our naval authorities make any more bad blunders in the construction of the new navy, it will not be for lack of object-lessons kindly, if unintentionally, furnished by England. Some years ago the iron-clad battle ship Captain foundered in the Bay of Biscay and only two or three out of the five or six hundred on board were saved. All the provocation for this terrible disaster was a sudden squall, lasting perhaps ten minutes, which the other vessels in the squadron scarcely felt. Some months ago another iron-clad, the Victoria, went to the bottom in the Mediterranean and considerably less than half of the officers and men were saved. The provocation for this terrible disaster was a ramming blow from another ship, much less severe than is liable to be received in ordinary naval warfare. Now a third ironclad, the Resolution, narrowly escapes destruction in the Bay of Biscay by a storm not very much, if any, worse than is frequently experienced in that proverbially stormy locality. She rolled from one side to the other at an angle of 45 degrees, and according to the account of an officer was in imminent danger of following the Captain. This latest illustration of the unseaworthiness of the best English battle-ships has been made the subject of inquiry in Parliament, and the general opinion, in and out of Parliament, is that "something has got to be done."

As our own battle-ships are built on substantially the same plan as the English, what is to prevent similar results in similar cases? Nothing, apparently. Are we, then, to go on putting millions after millions into what are liable to be "sailor's coffins" whenever subjected to similar tests? A high rate of speed and the latest improvements in guns and projectiles are very important considerations; but not quite so important as the ability of the ship to keep afloat in bad weather. The question is, can you load the ship with heavy armor to the water line, then pile upon the deck the heaviest guns, in turn capable of resisting the heaviest shot, without making her dangerously top-heavy, and therefore likely to "turn turtle."

Until this all-important question is answered common sense would seem to dictate that we should go very slow in our naval building. If the Bureau of Construction think the question has already been answered in the affirmative let them send one of our new vessels for a two weeks' cruise in the Bay of Biscay next month—after getting "a blanket policy" on the lives of the crew.

MISS FOLLAND's father was a Grand Master, and it has been supposed that some Masonic influence would be exerted in his behalf. Col. Breckinridge, however, addressed two Masonic lodges at Lexington, Ky., recently, and his reception "amounted to an ovation." His speech is said to have been "the effort of his life," and it is thought that he has lost none of his old influence in Fayette County—a very important matter, as the silver-tongued orator wants to be returned to Congress from the Ashland district.

MR. STRAD is at least a man of presence of mind. When he had finished the dreadful remarks that so excited the Chicago ladies he quickly picked up his hat and got out of the building. Had he remained to listen to Mrs. Trout's "warm speech" and the sentiments of other equally eloquent ladies there is no knowing what might have happened. The most experienced married man could not have made a more precipitate or judicious flight from a feminine tongue-lashing.

IT seems a pity that our Prof. Tom Allen should have to pass through Kentucky in disguise in order to get to the Corbett-Mitchell scientific contest merely because he took part in a similar exhibition more than ten years ago. But science has always been more or less trammelled by unprogressive communities.

THERE can be no longer any doubt that monkeys talk. Garner and Du Chailu both say they do, and that other eminent scientists, Kipling, asserts that they not only talk but hold to one another's tails while conversing.

THE bull fight is on at Queretaro, Mexico, but are tempered by American sack races, potato races, grased-pig chases and other exciting sports hitherto unknown to the people of the sister republic. There can be no doubt that the bull fight must eventually go.

UNCLE SAMUEL is doing what he can to relieve the distress in Chicago by recruiting there for the army. Unfortunately he refuses "buns," and the recruiting is progressing rather slowly.

It is royal Elizabeth of Bavaria and Lieut. Siegfried Auf Battenberg are married on the

Cosplan plan it is greatly to be regretted, and they ought to be ashamed of themselves.

"Orr with her head!" So much for Mary Telling! Richard spoke not thus, but Governor LeWellings.

THE Czar has a pull on all nations and may do about as he pleases. He can send the Russian thistle into the territory of an enemy whenever he chooses.

THE people who live on the Japanese hill that can be heard for twenty miles have a punt compass that outclasses all other kinds.

IS the grip that has seized Andrew Carnegie is anything like Andy's own grip it will get him before he lands in Egypt.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND found the ducks very scarce. Even the wild fowl are waiting for Congress to act.

IF Officer Craig was to "get it in the neck" would any Scotchman discover the pun?

From the New York Herald.

Any Democratic dissension over the Wilson bill will prove a greater menace to its success than Republican opposition. With the Democrats united the bill can be passed without unnecessary delay. But if any considerable number stand aloof from the local interests of their respective districts the effect may be to delay, if not defeat, the passage of the bill. This may prove disastrous both to the country and to the Democrats. On the success of tariff revision depends the success of the coming year. It is a matter of life and death to the country. It is a matter of life and death to the country. It is a matter of life and death to the country.

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The corner chimney and open fireplace which now are seen are comparatively modern, though still often from 100 to 200 years old. They windows are now found in these ancient kitchens, but the floor is usually of beaten earth mixed with straw and the heavy wooden shelves, the heavy iron pots and kettles, a strong pine table and a stool or two, complete the scant and cumbersome furniture.

The living-room is a more pretentious apartment. Here the peasant sits and reads to wall and their natural reddish that is deepened by age to the rich hue of rosewood. Often the windows have deep casements, with little diamond-shaped panes, and in the summer time they are bright and winnow with plants and flowers. This room always is wide high and cheerful, and occasionally two of them on opposite sides of the room.

In one corner, near the fireplace, is a cupboard, wide, deep and extending from floor to ceiling, and not far from the wall. This will contain the family store of food, and a few not for the long winter nights' amusement. A huge pine table, with a heavy iron pot and kettle, and a stool or two, complete the scant and cumbersome furniture.

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